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In the **PATENT APPLICATION** of:

Douglas R. McPherson

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For: SHAPED SLOT VACUUM
DEWATERING BOX COVER

Group: Not Yet Known

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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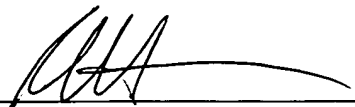
This Preliminary Amendment is being submitted in order to incorporate the Article 34 Amendment replacement pages, as annexed to the International Preliminary Examination Report, into the application.

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Applicants submit that no new matter has been introduced into the application by this amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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